



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 521

January Session, 2003

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE-WIDE DENTAL PLAN.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Social
2 Services, prior to the implementation of a state-wide dental plan that
3 provides for the administration of the dental services portion of the
4 department's medical assistance program, shall submit a copy of such
5 plan to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
6 cognizance of matters relating to public health, human services and
7 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies. Not later than fifteen
8 days after receipt of such plan, said committees shall hold a public
9 hearing on the submitted plan. Not later than thirty days after receipt
10 of such plan, said committees shall advise the Commissioner of Social
11 Services of their approval, denial or modifications, if any, of the plan
12 or any revisions thereto. If the joint standing committees do not
13 concur, the committee chairpersons shall appoint a committee on
14 conference which shall be comprised of three members from each joint
15 standing committee. At least one member appointed from each
16 committee shall be a member of the minority party. The report of the
17 committee on conference shall be made to each committee, which shall
18 vote to accept or reject the report. The report of the committee on
19 conference may not be amended. If a joint standing committee rejects
20 the report of the committee on conference, the plan or revisions thereto
21 shall be deemed approved. If the joint standing committees accept the

22 report, the committee having cognizance of matters relating to
23 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies shall advise the
24 commissioner of their approval or modifications, if any, of the plan or
25 revisions to the plan, provided if the committees take no action within
26 thirty days of receipt of the plan, the plan or revisions to the plan shall
27 be deemed approved.

This act shall take effect as follows:
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HS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

PH *Joint Favorable*